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SUBJECT: EUROPEAN UNION--GUNDELACH'S VIEW

REFS: A. COPENHAGEN 1922, B. EC BRUSSELS 5854, C. USED A-264 (NOTAL)

1. REFTEL A NOTES THAT EC COMMISSIONER GUNDELACH OPPOSED THE COMMISSION PAPER ON EUROPEAN UNION. (REFTEL B). IN A TALK WITH AMBASSADOR GREENWALD LAST WEEK GUNDELACH CONFIRMED THAT HE DISAGREED WITH THE PAPER'S MAIN THRUST. SINCE IT WAS A "REPORT" AND NOT A COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION TO THE NINE, NO FINAL VOTE HAD BEEN REQUIRED. GUNDELACH HAD, HOWEVER, RECORDED HIS OPPOSITION IN A LETTER TO EC COMMISSION PRESIDENT ORTOLI WHICH WILL NOT BE MADE PUBLIC.

2. GUNDELACH SAID HE BELIEVED THE REPORT SHOULD HAVE BEEN LIMITED TO A STRONG AND CLEAR STATEMENT OF WHAT WAS REQUIRED TO MAKE THE EXISTING COMMUNITY CREDIBLE. HE SAID HE CONSIDERED THAT IT WAS USELESS AND EVEN DANGEROUS TO TALK ABOUT SUCH DISTANT GOALS AS MONETARY AND POLITICAL UNION UNTIL THE MORE MUNDANE ECONOMIC OBJECTIVES OF THE COMMUNITY HAD BEEN MORE NEARLY

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ACHIEVED. HE PARTICULARLY OBJECTED TO THE INCLUSION OF A SECTION

ON DEFENSE WHICH HE CONSIDERED POTENTIALLY COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE SINCE MANY MEMBER GOVERNMENTS WOULD BE FORCED TO DISAVOW PUBLICLY THE IDEA OF A EUROPEAN DEFENSE SYSTEM.

3. IN A PRESS CONFERENCE ON JULY 3, (REF C) GUNDELACH WAS ASKED A LEADING QUESTION SUGGESTING HE HAD OPPOSED THE ADOPTION OF THE COMMISSION'S REPORT. HE SAID, "ON MOST SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES I AM IN AGREEMENT WITH MY COLLEAGUES. IT MAY BE MY FAULT, BUT I HAVE DIFFICULTY IN SEEING VERY FAR INTO THE FUTURE AND I FEEL THERE IS A GREAT NEED FOR THE COMMUNITY TO CONCENTRATE ITS ENDEAVOURS ON OUR PROBLEMS HERE AND NOW, WHICH ARE NOT JUST OF A CONJECTURAL BUT ALSO OF A STRUCTURAL NATURE, AND THE CREDIBILITY OF THE COMMUNITY DEPENDS ON OUR ABILITY TO MAKE A SERIOUS CONTRIBUTION TO THE SOLUTION OF THESE PROBLEMS. BUT I AM GLAD TO SAY THAT MY COLLEAGUES AGREE WITH ME ON THIS POINT, THEREFORE, WE CAN GO ON WORKING IN HARMONY WITH EACH OTHER." MYERSON

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